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SUBJECT: ARMS FOR YEMEN

REFS: (A) SANA 4066; (B) STATE 208508; (C) STATE 209866

1. IN DEPARTMENT'S VIEW, VISITS OF REPS. SIKES AND FLYNT
PRESENT GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR CHARGE TO MEET AGAIN WITH
PRESIDENT SALIH TO EXPLORE HIS REACTION TO OUR PROPOSALS
NOW THAT SALIH HAS HAD SOME TIME TO RECONSIDER HIS INITIAL
NEGATIVE RESPONSE.

2. WE AGREE COMPLETELY WITH YOUR COMMENT TO MUSALLIM THAT
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IF SALIH WISHES TO CLAIM THAT PRESENT IMPASSE RESULT OF
MISUNDERSTANDING THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT THAT DESPITE
THE RECORD AND LOOK FORWARD TO A MORE SERIOUS AND RATIONAL
DISCUSSION OF OUR PROPOSED PACKAGE.

3. YOU SHOULD CERTAINLY FEEL FREE TO REPEAT TO SALIH WHAT
YOU SAID TO MUSALLIM (REF A, PARA 2), YOU ARE ALSO

AUTHORIZED TO CITE SUB PARAS TWO AND THREE OF PARA 2 OF STATE 208508. AT THIS POINT IN TIME, WE DO NOT THINK IT PRUDENT TO CITE SUB PARAS SEVEN AND EIGHT SINCE WE AWAIT SAUDI REACTION TO THESE AND OTHER POINTS. IF YOU FEEL IT APPROPRIATE YOU MAY CERTAINLY CONVEY POINT IN SUB PARA SIX

THAT IN USG VIEW QUOTE YAR MILITARY, IF IT IS TO BE EFFECTIVE MUST FIRST ENTER A GRADUAL BUILDING PROCESS LEARNING FIRST TO USE AND MAINTAIN RELATIVELY MODEST AMOUNTS OF APPROPRIATE EQUIPMENT. UNQUOTE.

4. WE REALIZE HOW DIFFICULT THESE INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE TO CARRY OUT AND THAT IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO ORCHESTRATE MEETING SO THAT YOU CAN MAKE THESE POINTS AND HOPE THAT THEY SINK IN. WE CERTAINLY THINK THAT THE VISIT OF THE CONGRESSMEN AFFORDS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM AND YOU TO HEAR MORE OF WHAT SALIH THINKS OF THE THREAT FROM THE PDRY.

5. SHOULD THE MEETING GO WELL ENOUGH TO HOLD OUT THE PROSPECT THAT SALIH WILL ACCEPT THE PROPOSED PACKAGE, WE URGENTLY NEED TO KNOW WHETHER HE WANTS US TO PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SEPTEMBER 26 NATIONAL DAY PARADE.

6. FOR ALL ADDRESSEES: TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE CONFUSION WITH REGARD TO PARA 3 REFERENCES TO STATE 208508 PARA TWO
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SUBPARAS, THE SUBPARAS AUTHORIZED TO BE CITED BEGIN: (A) QUOTE THAT U.S. POLITICAL SUPPORT FOR YAR IS REAL UNQUOTE; AND (B) QUOTE WE CONTINUE TO THINK THAT PHASED PROPOSAL UNQUOTE. VANCE

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